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TOPIC Finsterwalde Airfield

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REMARKS

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1. Two single-engine, low-wing monoplanes and four biplanes painted gray-green, were parked at the Finsterwalde (N 52/A 15) airfield on 16 July 1950. * Airfield workers said that a biplane took off every day at 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. for the airfields at Cottbus (N 52/A 57) and Grossenhain (N 52/A 01), and that the field was occupied by about 10 officers and 150 men. **

2. Four concrete mixers and three cranes were being used for construction work on the runway. A workshop was being reconstructed on the southern edge of the field. There was a railroad spur track on the eastern edge of the field. The red obstacle lights were in operation at night. A fuel dump with a container, about 2½ meters in diameter and 7 meters long, was being built on the eastern edge of the field. ***

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* ~~Comment.~~ The presence of planes has not been confirmed. Other sources have not reported seeing any planes at the field since construction work started. However, it is possible that some courier planes have recently been using the field.

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** ~~Comment.~~ This is the first information that daily flights were made to Cottbus and Grossenhain. A regular courier connection with the Cottbus airfield is believed probable since the fields of Finsterwalde and Cottbus have previously been occupied by bomber regiments of the same division. However, no connection between the airfields of Finsterwalde and Grossenhain is known.

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*** ~~The construction of a concrete runway has been repeatedly reported.~~ The runway will probably be completed by 1 September 1950. This is the first information on the reconstruction of a workshop and the installation of a new fuel dump.

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